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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Most of the tables in this publication have been prepared entirely on a monthly basis, to provide easy comparison of data. With a few exceptions, annual and quarterly figures are expressed as Monthly Averages, and these can be converted to actual totals by multiplying by 12 and 3 respectively.

For example (from page 1 opposite):

Marriages in year 1958 -	
Monthly average	542
Therefore Annual total = $12 \times 542 =$	6,504
(Actual figure is 6,505)	
Births in March quarter 1959 -	
Monthly average	1,698
Therefore quarterly total = $3 \times 1,698 =$	5,094
(Actual figure is 5,095)	

The statistics as published can be adapted to give information in a number of different forms. For instance -

- (1) Details can be obtained for calendar or financial years as required, by addition of figures for the four relevant quarters.
 - (2) Progress total for the year to date can be obtained by adding totals of quarters and months.
- e.g. If May figures are the latest published, total for the 5 months to May = $3 \times$ monthly average of March quarter + April and May.

This procedure can be used to calculate corresponding figures for the same period of the previous two years, or similar information on a financial year basis.

Details of production on pages 6 - 9 are for selected items only. Particulars for several commodities of considerable importance in this State have been withheld because publication would reveal confidential information.

It should be noted that in many cases particulars for the "current" month are not available when this bulletin is issued. In such instances, the most up-to-date information is shown.

ABBREVIATIONS USED

Throughout this bulletin the following symbols have been used -

n.a.	Not available	p	Preliminary figures
..	Nil (or less than 0.5)	r	Revised since previous issue

When the symbols "p" and "r" are placed in the column headed "Period" (as for example on page 11), they refer to all figures on that particular line.

DEMOGRAPHY

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Period	Births	Marriages	Deaths		Net Migration	Population (b)		
			Infant (a)	Total		Whole State	Metro-politan	
MONTHLY AVERAGES								
Year:	1954	1,519	516	32	598	961	808,243	490,300
	1955	1,541	519	36	628	1,286	834,635	508,700
	1956	1,580	523	31	633	1,326	861,912	526,500
	1957	1,628	548	34	631	1,028	886,203	542,300
	1958	1,671	542	37	645	790	907,992	555,200
Quarter:								
Dec.	1956	1,610	536	27	560	1,567	861,912	526,500
Mar.	1957	1,672	576	35	570	1,156	868,687	530,600
June		1,513	572	27	582	547	873,123	534,300
Sept.		1,755	485	43	787	1,391	880,200	538,600
Dec.		1,572	561	30	586	1,016	886,203	542,300
Mar.	1958	1,662	563	33	562	882	892,149	545,900
June		1,619	575	31	607	521	896,750	548,000
Sept.		1,715	485	46	767	712	901,728	551,200
Dec.		1,687	546	41	646	1,047	907,992	555,200
Mar.	1959	1,698	597	35	590	1,149	914,763	559,100
June		1,630	543	30	638	1,032	920,835	562,500
Sept.		1,867	484	49	850	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
MONTHLY TOTALS								
July	1957	1,542	411	37	669			
Aug.		1,989	467	44	831			
Sept.		1,735	577	47	862			
July	1958	1,692	389	53	833		NOT	
Aug.		1,703	512	47	758		AVAILABLE	
Sept.		1,749	553	37	710			
July	1959	2,074	424	62	1,012			
Aug.		1,673	459	42	835			
Sept.		1,853	569	42	704			

(a) Under 1 year of age

(b) As at the end of each period

NOTE: Population increases of the State can be calculated from the above figures as the sum of Natural Increase (Births minus Deaths) plus Net Migration.

EMPLOYMENT AND BASIC WAGE

Period		Employment (a)					Basic Wage (b) s d		
		Total	Govern- ment	Private	Principal Industrial Groups				
					Factories	Const- ruction			Retail Trade
		'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	s	d
MONTH		MALES							
July	1955	181.5	55.9	125.6	72.7	19.0	12.1	231	0
	1956	187.0	57.1	129.9	73.6	21.2	12.3	241	0
	1957	185.8	58.6	127.2	72.7	20.1	12.1	251	0
	1958	185.8	59.2	126.6	73.0	18.9	12.3	256	0
	1959	191.4	61.8	129.6	75.2	20.7	12.4	271	0
June	1957	186.4	58.9	127.5	72.6	20.3	12.2	251	0
July		185.8	58.6	127.2	72.7	20.1	12.1	251	0
August		185.9	58.4	127.5	72.8	19.7	12.1	251	0
June	1958	186.0	59.1	126.9	73.0	19.0	12.4	256	0
July		185.8	59.2	126.6	73.0	18.9	12.3	256	0
August		185.7	59.1	126.6	73.0	19.0	12.3	256	0
June	1959	191.1	61.7	129.4	74.9	20.6	12.4	271	0
July		191.4	61.8	129.6	75.2	20.7	12.4	271	0
August		191.7	62.0	129.7	75.4	20.7	12.5	271	0
		FEMALES							
July	1955	60.1	12.5	47.6	15.6	0.4	12.6	173	0
	1956	62.7	13.6	49.1	15.6	0.5	13.0	180	6
	1957	62.5	14.0	48.5	15.7	0.5	12.3	188	0
	1958	63.4	14.8	48.6	15.8	0.5	12.1	192	0
	1959	65.6	16.0	49.6	16.0	0.5	12.6	203	0
June	1957	62.4	13.8	48.6	15.8	0.5	12.3	188	0
July		62.5	14.0	48.5	15.7	0.5	12.3	188	0
August		62.6	14.0	48.6	15.9	0.5	12.2	188	0
June	1958	63.4	14.5	48.9	15.9	0.5	12.2	192	0
July		63.4	14.8	48.6	15.8	0.5	12.1	192	0
August		63.3	14.8	48.5	15.6	0.5	12.1	192	0
June	1959	65.5	15.8	49.7	16.0	0.5	12.6	203	0
July		65.6	16.0	49.6	16.0	0.5	12.6	203	0
August		65.8	16.0	49.8	16.2	0.5	12.5	203	0

(a) Last pay-day during month

(b) At end of month

Period	Registered with Commonwealth Employment Service			Unemployment Benefits		
	Vacancies filled	Vacancies available (a)	Applicants awaiting placement (a) (b)	Persons admitted	Amount paid	Persons on Benefit (a)
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>	No.	No.	No.	No.	£	No.
Year: 1954	1,896	6,583	1,104	55	1,506	64
1955	1,953	6,410	1,298	39	743	56
1956	1,902	1,668	3,299	365	4,869	978
1957	1,746	1,430	4,593	624	15,563	1,568
1958	1,865	2,059	5,240	802	33,212	1,703
Quarter:						
Dec. 1956	1,666	1,668	3,299	574	9,426	978
Mar. 1957	2,186	1,365	3,294	395	10,914	481
June	1,594	1,084	4,152	629	9,904	1,054
Sept.	1,586	1,385	4,164	791	17,683	1,233
Dec. 1958	1,621	1,430	4,593	680	23,749	1,568
Mar.	2,463	1,050	5,484	892	26,547	1,521
June	1,495	948	5,873	1,128	33,871	2,258
Sept.	1,604	1,344	5,439	961	42,136	1,930
Dec.	1,899	2,059	5,240	613	30,296	1,703
Mar. 1959	2,543	1,526	5,140	667	24,109	1,116
June	2,198	1,581	4,824	668	24,259	1,332
Sept.	2,107	1,825	4,388	625	24,400	1,226
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>						
June 1957	1,340	1,020	4,430	911	14,193	1,345
Aug.	1,686	1,292	4,502	850	21,822	1,320
Sept.	1,731	1,385	4,164	613	17,034	1,233
July 1958	1,635	1,053	6,088	1,044	38,302	2,385
Aug.	1,389	1,197	5,938	1,132	40,322	2,204
Sept.	1,787	1,344	5,439	708	47,784	1,930
July 1959	2,177	1,593	5,190	687	23,516	1,444
Aug.	1,848	1,803	5,129	757	22,503	1,411
Sept.	2,295	1,825	4,388	431	27,180	1,226

(a) Actual numbers as at the end of the period.

(b) Applicants who stated when registering that they were unemployed. Includes recipients of Unemployment Benefits.

BUILDINGS - COMMENCEMENTS AND COMPLETIONS

(WHOLE STATE)

Period	Dwellings		Other Buildings		Total Buildings	
	Number	Value £'000	Number	Value £'000	Number	Value £'000
COMMENCEMENTS						
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>						
Year: 1954-55	608	1,814	64	682	672	2,496
1955-56	710	2,217	71	1,383	781	3,600
1956-57	594	1,882	68	775	662	2,657
1957-58	622	1,999	62	972	684	2,971
1958-59	741	2,378	81	1,183	822	3,561
Quarter:						
Sept. 1956	612	1,918	69	666	681	2,584
Dec.	620	1,884	57	546	677	2,430
Mar. 1957	540	1,723	79	1,249	619	2,972
June	605	2,002	66	641	671	2,643
Sept.	687	2,245	73	784	760	3,029
Dec.	593	1,892	60	818	653	2,710
Mar. 1958	556	1,757	59	1,204	615	2,961
June	651	2,104	57	1,083	708	3,187
Sept.	725	2,369	91	1,243	816	3,612
Dec.	709	2,244	84	1,145	793	3,389
Mar. 1959	685	2,205	67	1,021	752	3,226
June	844	2,696	84	1,324	928	4,020
COMPLETIONS						
Year: 1954-55	621	1,771	67	486	688	2,257
1955-56	652	1,993	69	817	721	2,810
1956-57	619	1,974	69	859	688	2,833
1957-58	666	2,182	67	989	733	3,171
1958-59	733	2,385	75	1,315	808	3,700
Quarter:						
Sept. 1956	620	1,957	74	677	694	2,634
Dec.	695	2,152	66	834	761	2,986
Mar. 1957	561	1,832	60	1,031	621	2,863
June	602	1,957	75	893	677	2,850
Sept.	675	2,219	68	784	743	3,003
Dec.	712	2,338	83	1,055	795	3,393
Mar. 1958	624	2,047	56	981	680	3,028
June	652	2,122	62	1,136	714	3,258
Sept.	736	2,384	63	860	799	3,244
Dec.	748	2,406	82	2,279	830	4,685
Mar. 1959	661	2,137	73	1,021	734	3,158
June	788	2,612	81	1,100	869	3,712

BUILDINGS - PERMITS

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(METROPOLITAN AREA)

Period	Dwellings		Other Buildings		Total Buildings	
	Number	Value £'000	Number	Value £'000	Number	Value £'000
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>						
Year: 1954-55	483	1,350	54	495	537	1,845
1955-56	482	1,464	55	616	537	2,080
1956-57	398	1,204	50	322	448	1,526
1957-58	425	1,293	49	447	474	1,740
1958-59	454	1,437	38	516	492	1,953
Quarter:						
Dec. 1956	384	1,133	45	265	429	1,398
Mar. 1957	326	1,034	50	298	376	1,332
June	504	1,498	54	433	558	1,931
Sept.	514	1,588	53	423	567	2,011
Dec. 1958	402	1,199	47	350	449	1,549
Mar. 1958	351	1,085	46	627	397	1,712
June	435	1,301	50	387	485	1,688
Sept.	523	1,668	46	559	569	2,227
Dec. 1959	409	1,254	37	567	446	1,821
Mar. 1959	419	1,349	31	430	450	1,779
June	465	1,475	37	507	502	1,982
Sept.	485	1,589	42	692	527	2,281
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>						
July 1957	434	1,397	59	242	493	1,639
Aug.	608	1,724	48	563	656	2,287
Sept.	500	1,643	52	464	552	2,107
July 1958	601	1,889	49	670	650	2,559
Aug.	500	1,432	47	402	547	1,834
Sept.	517	1,684	43	605	560	2,289
July 1959	566	1,800	42	980	608	2,780
Aug.	485	1,575	36	289	521	1,864
Sept.	403	1,391	48	808	451	2,199

PRODUCTION - SELECTED COMMODITIES

Period	Coal	Iron Ore (a)	Electricity	Clay Bricks (b)	Cement Roofing Tiles	Sawn Timber (c)
	tons	tons	'000 K.W.H.	'000	'000	'000 sup.ft
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>						
Year: 1954-55	41,343	247,561	93,270	6,069	694	6,829
1955-56	37,555	268,980	100,293	6,235	805	8,295
1956-57	43,829	297,834	109,601	6,409	687	7,773
1957-58	59,131	276,729	131,737	6,998	650	6,909
1958-59	61,269	284,697	p 132,643	p 8,787	p 664	p 9,615
Quarter:						
Sept. 1957	64,656	263,655	142,000	7,194	669	6,505
Dec. 1957	50,323	295,178	129,100	6,890	640	6,263
Mar. 1958	63,951	273,373	126,000	6,709	633	6,839
June 1958	57,593	274,712	129,800	7,200	658	8,030
Sept. 1958	69,083	287,921	p 141,816	p 8,852	p 679	p 8,814
Dec. 1958	61,046	281,526	p 120,434	p 8,861	p 574	p 9,091
Mar. 1959	54,418	278,090	p 128,145	p 7,989	p 584	p 8,847
June 1959	60,530	291,251	p 140,179	p 9,445	p 820	p 11,708
Sept. 1959	56,295	289,128	p 157,859	p 9,882	p 930	n.a.
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>						
July 1957	63,332	n.a.	146,800	7,495	696	6,985
Aug. 1957	67,084	n.a.	146,200	6,891	654	6,111
Sept. 1957	63,553	n.a.	133,100	7,196	656	6,418
July 1958	68,539	n.a.	p 155,898	p 9,409	p 752	p 8,866
Aug. 1958	69,800	n.a.	p 138,309	p 8,351	p 635	p 8,844
Sept. 1958	68,910	n.a.	p 131,240	p 8,796	p 651	p 8,732
July 1959	52,038	n.a.	p 165,606	p 9,688	p 930	p 11,708
Aug. 1959	56,334	n.a.	p 157,095	p 9,101	p 847	p 10,764
Sept. 1959	60,512	n.a.	p 150,877	p 10,856	p 1,013	n.a.

(a) Includes Jaspalite.

(b) Standard size, common and coloured

(c) From Australian logs only.

PRODUCTION - SELECTED COMMODITIES

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Period	Fibrous Plaster Sheets	Stainless Steel Sinks	Electric Storage Hot Water Systems	Electric Washing Machines	Bath Heaters	Caravans
	Sq.yds	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>						
Year: 1954-55	91,417	1,352	478	6,432	1,014	29
1955-56	86,102	1,217	509	5,897	1,007	63
1956-57	74,868	1,014	379	4,348	951	66
1957-58	76,293	947	428	5,182	902	70
1958-59 p	84,852	1,201	487	6,467	830	77
Quarter:						
Sept. 1957	80,699	1,019	471	4,575	1,178	66
Dec. 1957	78,621	1,008	416	4,673	980	87
Mar. 1958	67,394	924	376	5,121	666	73
June 1958	78,457	838	448	6,359	784	55
Sept. p	88,825	988	400	6,647	1,041	76
Dec. p	81,838	1,027	509	6,528	863	111
Mar. 1959	79,844	1,066	472	5,413	679	61
June p	88,902	1,722	568	7,278	737	59
Sept. p	101,397	n.a.	682	6,883	948	85
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>						
July 1957	83,063	1,038	500	4,528	1,238	61
Aug. 1957	78,636	1,142	455	4,723	1,159	62
Sept. 1957	80,398	877	457	4,475	1,137	74
July 1958 p	92,971	1,086	221	6,780	990	47
Aug. p	85,523	964	447	6,503	1,172	61
Sept. p	87,981	915	532	6,657	961	120
July 1959 p	105,161	2,490	744	7,726	916	63
Aug. p	98,055	2,249	617	6,460	934	82
Sept. p	100,974	n.a.	684	6,463	994	111

PRODUCTION - SELECTED COMMODITIES

Period	Inner Spring Mattresses	Boots, Shoes and Sandals (a)	Slippers	Meat (b)	
				Beef and Veal	Lamb and Mutton
	No.	pairs	pairs	tons	tons
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>					
Year: 1954-55	2,784	119,984	7,969	2,869	4,154
1955-56	3,526	122,366	5,746	3,126	3,695
1956-57	3,601	127,556	5,796	3,355	3,547
1957-58	4,127	134,125	5,134	3,423	4,473
1958-59 p	4,142	130,500	2,979	3,479	4,510
<u>Quarter:</u>					
Sept. 1957	4,331	145,199	4,939	3,461	3,484
Dec. 1957	4,383	124,952	6,435	3,420	6,460
Mar. 1958	3,981	122,716	4,412	3,280	4,549
June 1958	3,814	143,633	4,748	3,529	3,401
Sept. 1958 p	4,190	140,894	3,963	3,102	3,780
Dec. 1958 p	4,215	126,061	3,299	3,631	6,634
Mar. 1959 p	3,813	105,090	1,674	3,636	4,036
June 1959 p	4,349	149,955	2,980	3,548	3,589
Sept. 1959 p	4,529	138,021	2,112	3,106	4,738
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>					
July 1957	4,505	151,038	5,383	3,847	3,375
Aug. 1957	4,565	142,682	4,840	3,345	2,990
Sept. 1957	3,923	141,878	4,594	3,192	4,086
July 1958 p	3,686	150,634	3,610	3,873	3,982
Aug. 1958 p	4,567	135,661	5,236	2,758	3,334
Sept. 1958 p	4,318	136,386	3,042	2,675	4,025
July 1959 p	4,465	150,863	1,966	3,695	4,132
Aug. 1959 p	4,638	127,685	2,592	2,679	3,849
Sept. 1959 p	4,485	135,515	1,779	2,944	6,234

(a) Excludes infants' soft-soled nursery footwear.

(b) Bone-in weight

PRODUCTION - SELECTED COMMODITIES

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Period	Butter (a)	Cheese (a)	Bacon and Ham (b)	Jam (c)	Confect- ionery	Margarine
'000 lbs.						
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>						
Year: 1954-55	1,588	2,446	582	378	357	171
1955-56	1,598	2,358	617	509	391	190
1956-57	1,576	2,232	590	654	415	238
1957-58	1,313	1,959	554	671	409	257
1958-59 p	1,317	2,084	541	410	450	273
Quarter:						
Sept. 1957	1,625	2,565	544	492	471	315
Dec.	1,885	3,491	680	313	385	216
Mar. 1958	884	966	500	1,439	351	230
June	856	815	493	438	429	267
Sept. p	1,575	2,428	538	551	520	314
Dec. p	1,911	3,736	669	207	430	238
Mar. 1959 p	906	1,233	454	605	348	257
June p	876	939	505	275	500	284
Sept. p	1,284	2,274	563	305	566	314
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>						
July 1957	1,407	1,834	530	519	508	410
Aug.	1,613	2,458	581	484	473	271
Sept.	1,856	3,404	521	474	432	264
July 1958 p	1,277	1,643	532	529	568	390
Aug. p	1,556	2,363	500	592	477	236
Sept. p	1,891	3,277	581	531	516	315
July 1959 p	1,068	1,546	544	393	590	389
Aug. p	1,268	2,125	524	241	r 624	246
Sept. p	1,515	3,152	621	282	483	306

(a) Factory production only.

(b) Finished weight

(c) Includes conserves, fruit spreads, fruit butter etc.

EXPORTS - QUANTITY OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES

Period	Lamb	Wheat	Barley	Wool (a)	Lead (PIG)	Minerals (b)
	'000 lbs	'000 bush	'000 bush	'000 lbs	'000 cwt	'000 cwt
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>						
Year: 1954-55	2,136	1,164	1,228	9,763	229	421
1955-56	1,437	1,325	1,159	11,772	239	470
1956-57	1,123	1,677	1,559	12,967	268	491
1957-58	1,394	1,229	1,466	11,516	272	655
1958-59 p	1,790	1,212	1,483	13,056	237	510
Quarter:						
Sept. 1956	722	1,470	2,019	9,722	193	549
Dec.	2,981	1,880	194	14,223	346	534
Mar. 1957	782	1,809	2,137	13,492	290	451
June	6	1,549	1,887	14,432	243	428
Sept.	148	1,366	2,600	10,665	262	1,038
Dec.	3,980	1,584	1,118	14,817	253	630
Mar. 1958	1,075	1,136	856	10,970	301	554
June	374	829	1,290	9,610	270	397
Sept. p	558	914	1,458	9,671	203	555
Dec. p	4,389	1,044	132	16,311	252	571
Mar. 1959 p	2,161	1,678	2,415	12,850	241	278
June p	51	1,212	1,926	13,390	253	636
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>						
June 1957	18	2,047	2,876	11,161	140	336
July	1	1,498	2,530	15,317	189	1,293
August	..	1,957	3,247	3,567	282	827
June 1958	665	775	2,147	9,348	327	255
July p	122	986	2,765	11,340	298	539
August p	192	924	1,196	5,599	112	216
June 1959 p	32	1,131	1,925	12,050	206	694
July p	6	1,852	521	14,716	137	218
August p	169	2,373	2,267	8,380	219	610

(a) Greasy, including scoured converted to greasy equivalent.

(b) Mainly copper, lead and zinc concentrates and ores.

EXPORTS - VALUE OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES

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Period	Total Exports	Lamb	Wheat	Barley	Wool	Lead (Pig)	Minerals (a)
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>							
Year: 1954-55	8,139	223	825	658	2,883	1,399	406
1955-56	7,923	141	921	586	2,919	1,598	397
1956-57	10,244	95	1,152	772	4,122	1,834	599
1957-58	8,323	139	890	716	3,045	1,309	653
1958-59 p	7,578	179	847	855	2,628	1,036	435
Quarter:							
Sept. 1956	8,582	61	974	996	2,730	1,340	867
Dec. 1956	10,498	252	1,295	112	4,378	2,434	493
Mar. 1957	11,072	65	1,274	1,101	4,408	2,007	578
June 1957	10,822	1	1,066	881	4,970	1,556	458
Sept. 1957	9,476	15	960	1,186	3,258	1,454	1,095
Dec. 1957	9,502	398	1,142	502	4,060	1,291	745
Mar. 1958	7,462	104	830	470	2,747	1,316	402
June 1958	6,854	37	630	705	2,115	1,173	368
Sept. 1958 p	6,426	56	686	804	2,020	867	433
Dec. 1958 p	7,540	439	763	78	3,160	1,178	497
Mar. 1959 p	8,002	215	1,150	1,437	2,466	1,042	155
June 1959 p	8,343	5	790	1,101	2,869	1,059	653
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>							
June 1957	9,163	r 2	1,400	1,325	3,876	879	232
July 1957	10,791	..	1,031	1,152	4,588	1,083	1,439
August 1957	8,050	..	1,373	1,496	1,164	1,563	726
June 1958	6,724	66	615	1,090	1,984	1,431	75
July 1958 p	7,969	12	743	1,518	2,370	1,275	675
August 1958 p	4,927	19	684	676	1,204	484	175
June 1959 p	7,952	3	761	1,098	2,656	890	846
July 1959 p	7,226	1	1,261	269	3,209	555	74
August 1959 p	8,490	17	1,658	1,097	1,861	951	952

(a) See note (b) previous page.

IMPORTS - VALUE OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES

Period	Total Imports	Motor Vehicles & Parts	Machinery		Iron & Steel (b)	Textiles	Timber
			Electric Motors (a)	Other			
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>							
Year: 1954-55	5,400	886	225	638	607	350	209
1955-56	5,229	707	289	661	582	281	281
1956-57	3,784	378	230	551	282	208	234
1957-58	3,925	367	251	614	212	263	223
1958-59 p	3,779	428	314	556	166	235	173
<u>Quarter:</u>							
Sept. 1956	4,770	606	302	689	406	238	218
Dec. 1956	3,743	372	198	535	201	186	260
Mar. 1957	3,428	298	222	507	279	202	233
June 1957	3,195	234	197	472	241	205	225
Sept. 1957	4,357	398	297	786	276	294	192
Dec. 1957	3,964	399	209	600	184	225	217
Mar. 1958	4,052	369	315	621	231	302	245
June 1958	3,328	304	181	447	157	230	238
Sept. 1958 p	3,656	426	288	514	167	255	215
Dec. 1958 p	3,963	325	261	564	162	221	170
Mar. 1959 p	3,646	317	397	548	188	257	124
June 1959 p	3,849	646	308	599	146	207	182
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>							
June 1957	1,952	126	174	272	200	110	154
July 1957	5,508	587	354	1,083	364	385	256
August 1957	3,815	347	275	726	164	226	193
June 1958	3,969	381	230	510	179	283	300
July 1958 p r	3,365	r 322	319	448	153	215	192
August 1958 p	4,037	739	309	499	185	263	134
June 1959 p	3,571	477	166	637	174	214	153
July 1959 p	4,336	523	283	652	190	201	170
August 1959 p	4,833	482	308	531	107	296	234

(a) Dynamo electrical machinery and electrical appliances and equipment.

(b) Metal and semi-manufactures (basic shapes), except wire, but including structural iron and steel.

Period	New Motor Vehicles Registered				Licences Issued		Telephone Services Connected	
	Total (a)	Cars	Station Wagons	Trucks & Utilities	Radio	Tele-vision		
MONTHLY AVERAGES								
Number of New Registrations					No.	No.	No.	
Year:	1954	2,055	1,341	13	456	1,537	..	1,145
	1955	2,309	1,567	19	461	1,366	..	1,106
	1956	1,937	1,278	23	414	1,627	..	1,325
	1957	1,906	1,279	51	367	1,486	..	1,337
	1958	1,966	1,246	152	357	1,692	..	1,438
Quarter:								
Dec.	1956	2,080	1,387	24	447	1,481	..	1,304
Mar.	1957	1,804	1,221	22	379	1,391	..	1,180
June		1,848	1,233	56	366	1,642	..	1,195
Sept.		1,863	1,249	52	350	1,572	..	1,557
Dec.		2,108	1,412	76	373	1,340	..	1,414
Mar.	1958	1,863	1,160	100	342	1,326	..	1,592
June		1,938	1,268	145	324	1,850	..	1,334
Sept.		1,891	1,209	158	343	1,799	..	1,334
Dec.		2,158	1,340	204	414	1,795	..	1,492
Mar.	1959	1,929	1,156	199	389	1,444	..	1,341
June		1,947	1,088	234	403	1,897	2,007	2,032
Sept.		2,135	1,221	313	377	1,644	3,752	1,595
MONTHLY TOTALS								
July	1957	1,824	1,280	29	335	1,735	..	1,873
Aug.		1,699	1,043	63	366	1,501	..	1,479
Sept.		2,065	1,424	65	349	1,479	..	1,320
July	1958	1,802	1,181	137	332	2,120	..	1,428
Aug.		1,877	1,181	162	329	1,585	..	1,348
Sept.		1,994	1,265	175	367	1,692	..	1,227
July	1959	2,002	1,128	272	417	1,805	2,466	1,602
Aug.		2,094	1,228	296	335	1,524	3,169	1,702
Sept.		2,310	1,308	371	380	1,603	5,621	1,480
AS AT 30th SEPT.								
Total Vehicles on Register (b)					Total (c)			
	1957	252,186	165,972	65,476	234,091	..	161,185	
	1958	261,704	175,039	66,121	241,569	..	172,167	
	1959	264,562	181,783	64,874	249,324	17,277	184,700	

(a) Includes other types of vehicles, e.g. Buses, Motor Cycles.

(b) Figures supplied by Registrar of Motor Vehicles - NOT directly comparable with New Registrations, e.g. Cars include station wagons.

(c) Total existing licences and phones includes Northern Territory (as at 30th June, 1959, Radio licences 3,260, Phones 3,211).

RETAIL SALES

Period	Food-stuffs (a)	Beer, Wine & Spirits	Clothing Footwear etc.	Elect- rical Goods (b)	Other Goods (c)	Total (excl. motor vehicles)	Motor Vehicles
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>		£ million					
Year: 1952-53	4.0	1.2	2.8	0.6	3.4	12.0	3.8
1953-54	4.3	1.3	3.0	0.7	3.7	13.0	4.3
1954-55	4.8	1.4	3.3	0.7	4.0	14.2	5.1
1955-56	5.2	1.5	3.5	0.8	4.3	15.3	5.5
1956-57	5.6	1.7	3.4	0.8	4.5	16.0	5.6
1957-58 p	5.7	1.7	3.4	0.8	4.5	16.1	5.6
1958-59 p	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	17.1	6.0
Quarter:							
Sept. 1956	5.5	1.5	3.3	0.7	4.3	15.3	5.3
Dec.	5.9	1.9	3.9	0.9	5.1	17.7	5.8
Mar. 1957	5.5	1.8	2.9	0.7	4.3	15.2	5.5
June	5.6	1.5	3.7	0.7	4.3	15.8	5.7
Sept. p	5.6	1.5	3.3	0.7	4.3	15.4	5.6
Dec. p	5.8	1.9	4.0	1.0	5.1	17.8	5.8
Mar. 1958 p	5.6	1.8	2.9	0.9	4.2	15.4	5.6
June p	5.7	1.5	3.6	0.8	4.3	15.9	5.4
Sept. p	5.8	1.4	3.4	0.9	4.5	16.0	5.7
Dec. p	6.4	1.8	4.1	1.1	5.4	18.8	6.2
Mar. 1959 p	6.2	1.8	2.9	0.9	4.4	16.2	5.9
June p	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	17.4	6.1

(a) Includes groceries, butchers' meat, fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread.

(b) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc.

(c) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, etc., newspapers, books and stationery, chemists' goods, grain and produce, jewellery, office equipment, etc. Excludes basic building materials (e.g. timber, roofing tiles, bricks, etc.)

NOTE: Many figures revised since previous issue.

HIRE PURCHASE (a)

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(Of Finance Businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail,
but do not retail goods themselves)

Period	Number of agreements	Value of goods sold (b)	Amount financed (c)	Balances outstanding (end of period)
	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>				
Year: 1954-55	7,395	2,296	1,403	18,633
1955-56	7,852	2,471	1,518	21,618
1956-57	8,521	2,810	1,770	25,349
1957-58	10,765	2,921	1,898	28,761
1958-59	11,659	3,129	2,058	32,603
Quarter:				
Sept. 1956	7,956	2,737	1,712	22,772
Dec. 1956	9,451	3,129	1,973	24,751
Mar. 1957	8,195	2,776	1,754	25,226
June 1957	8,482	2,599	1,640	25,349
Sept. 1957	9,645	2,683	1,726	25,800
Dec. 1957	11,717	3,084	2,011	27,454
Mar. 1958	10,714	2,920	1,895	27,898
June 1958	10,986	2,996	1,961	28,761
Sept. 1958	11,427	3,008	1,964	29,719
Dec. 1958	13,036	3,461	2,282	31,867
Mar. 1959	11,021	2,948	1,938	32,054
June 1959	11,152	3,100	2,050	32,603
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>				
June 1957	8,656	2,494	1,574	25,349
July 1957	9,546	2,705	1,748	25,369
August 1957	9,802	2,617	1,675	25,553
June 1958	10,774	2,762	1,825	28,761
July 1958	11,227	3,047	1,999	28,936
August 1958	10,649	2,787	1,817	29,172
June 1959	11,453	3,120	2,112	32,603
July 1959 p	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	32,834
August 1959 p	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	33,078

(a) Includes Northern Territory.

(b) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hire charges and insurance).

(c) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

STATE FINANCE - CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND

Period	RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS			
	Total	Cwlt Grants	Business under- takings	Total	Social Services	Debt Charges	Business Under- takings
£'000							
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>							
Year: 1954-55	4,324	1,343	1,752	4,510	1,159	815	1,556
1955-56	4,950	1,665	1,885	5,069	1,363	982	1,593
1956-57	5,480	1,885	1,995	5,484	1,504	1,101	1,639
1957-58	5,887	2,050	2,109	5,920	1,659	1,217	1,705
1958-59	6,057	2,089	2,099	6,142	1,908	1,340	1,601
Quarter							
Dec. 1956	5,674	1,596	2,612	5,987	1,505	1,103	1,714
Mar. 1957	5,614	1,687	2,149	4,979	1,380	957	1,515
June	6,583	2,668	1,926	6,262	1,702	1,439	1,754
Sept.	4,820	1,700	1,726	3,962	1,549	901	1,720
Dec. 1958	6,002	1,842	2,626	6,320	1,674	1,344	1,762
Mar. 1958	5,806	1,710	2,236	5,492	1,554	899	1,620
June	6,919	2,949	1,849	6,907	1,857	1,721	1,716
Sept.	4,627	1,724	1,390	5,193	1,747	994	1,611
Dec. 1959	6,433	1,820	2,832	6,693	1,945	1,457	1,603
Mar. 1959	5,784	1,770	2,175	5,617	1,772	1,090	1,538
June	7,383	3,043	1,998	7,066	2,167	1,817	1,651
Sept.	5,201	1,916	1,666	5,898	2,096	1,198	1,719
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>							
July 1957	5,303	1,700	1,889	4,808	1,690	567	1,723
Aug.	4,492	1,699	1,592	5,134	1,452	1,176	1,713
Sept.	4,666	1,700	1,698	4,943	1,505	961	1,724
July 1958	4,806	1,724	1,331	5,227	1,937	804	1,633
Aug.	4,193	1,725	1,190	5,128	1,569	1,185	1,537
Sept.	4,883	1,724	1,648	5,225	1,734	993	1,663
July 1959	5,406	1,940	1,605	5,744	2,256	880	1,700
Aug.	4,999	1,904	1,634	5,880	1,883	1,532	1,662
Sept.	5,198	1,903	1,759	6,069	2,150	1,182	1,796

Period	Real Estate			Savings Banks	Cheque Paying Banks		
	Mortgages		Transferred	Balance of Deposits	Balance of Deposits	Balance of Advances	Debits to Client's Accounts
	Loaned	Discharged					
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>					(a)	(a)	(b)
Year: 1954-55	3,107	1,321	5,391	127,325	124,458	52,117	36,339
1955-56	3,186	1,405	5,537	133,068	122,374	54,499	39,618
1956-57	3,538	1,306	5,190	138,352	126,242	53,260	42,773
1957-58	3,695	1,697	6,034	145,615	134,711	57,286	44,370
1958-59	4,747	1,795	6,541	151,427	132,179	62,791	46,291
Quarter:							
Dec. 1956	3,596	1,209	4,525	138,122	122,956	53,912	43,405
Mar. 1957	3,637	1,324	5,307	138,305	133,002	51,906	44,072
June	3,661	1,410	5,811	139,796	133,516	52,803	45,146
Sept.	3,841	1,849	6,146	143,757	130,381	52,377	43,135
Dec.	3,401	1,504	5,551	146,000	136,037	56,194	46,114
Mar. 1958	3,572	1,613	5,935	146,176	141,178	57,502	43,260
June	3,968	1,820	6,504	146,529	131,350	62,985	44,969
Sept.	5,402	2,234	6,615	149,596	125,208	63,253	42,559
Dec.	4,391	1,643	6,041	150,415	129,536	63,483	47,647
Mar. 1959	4,123	1,345	6,198	151,732	138,129	61,897	46,626
June	5,071	1,957	7,309	153,966	136,299	62,462	48,252
Sept.	5,002	2,374	7,881	158,971	132,003	64,645	N.A.
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>							
July 1957	4,204	1,771	7,225	143,201	131,499	52,559	46,538
Aug.	3,725	2,035	5,615	143,867	128,840	51,979	38,752
Sept.	3,594	1,742	5,598	144,203	130,525	52,548	43,265
July 1958	4,859	2,249	7,547	149,560	126,642	64,268	44,294
Aug.	6,655	2,795	6,279	149,378	124,332	63,384	40,455
Sept.	4,693	1,659	6,018	149,850	124,291	61,853	42,495
July 1959	5,539	2,783	8,984	158,083	132,709	63,781	50,577
Aug.	4,899	2,289	7,399	158,931	129,768	65,387	46,048
Sept.	4,568	2,049	7,259	159,900	133,085	64,916	N.A.

- (a) Average of balances at close of business on Wednesdays during the period. Banks were exempted from submitting returns for the 5th Wednesday in December, 1954, and the 4th Wednesday in December of the following years.
- (b) Average of debits during weeks ending on Wednesdays in the period. Includes Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank, and Industrial Finance Departments of the Commonwealth Bank.

RETAIL PRICE INDEXES, ADELAIDE

Period		"C" SERIES INDEX (Base: Average 6 capitals 1923-1927 = 1000)						
		Food and Groceries		Rent	Clothing	Miscellaneous	All Groups	
		A	B				A	B
Year:	1954-55	-	2,590	1,197	3,231	2,116	-	2,311
	1955-56	2,659	2,734	1,303	3,228	2,177	2,371	2,398
	1956-57	2,724	2,847	1,415	3,240	2,252	2,437	2,481
	1957-58	2,707	2,687	1,524	3,324	2,345	2,494	2,484
	1958-59	2,924	2,910	1,641	3,333	2,362	2,602	2,597
Quarter:	Dec. 1957	2,665	2,647	1,503	3,321	2,348	2,473	2,465
	Mar. 1958	2,646	2,635	1,516	3,329	2,350	2,472	2,466
	June	2,763	2,727	1,592	3,355	2,350	2,537	2,522
	Sept.	2,853	2,815	1,618	3,356	2,364	2,577	2,563
	Dec. 1959	2,899	2,894	1,640	3,331	2,364	2,593	2,591
	Mar. 1959	2,936	2,946	1,651	3,319	2,360	2,605	2,609
	June	3,007	2,984	1,657	3,325	2,359	2,632	2,625
	Sept.	3,044	3,024	1,680	3,355	2,434	2,672	2,665
Period		INTERIM INDEX (Base: 1952-53 = 100)						
		Food		Rent	Clothing and Drapery	Other	All Groups	
		A	B				A	B
Year	1954-55	106.3	106.2	105.6	102.9	99.9	103.6	103.6
	1955-56	108.7	111.1	114.9	102.9	103.7	106.3	107.2
	1956-57	111.1	114.9	124.8	103.9	107.9	109.5	110.9
	1957-58	112.2	111.9	134.6	107.1	111.2	112.6	112.5
	1958-59	118.0	118.0	144.9	107.9	113.0	116.4	116.4
Quarter:	Dec. 1957	110.7	110.4	132.6	107.1	111.1	111.8	111.7
	Mar. 1958	110.9	110.8	133.9	107.2	111.4	112.1	112.1
	June	114.2	113.4	140.6	108.1	111.6	114.2	114.0
	Sept.	116.0	115.3	143.0	108.2	112.6	115.4	115.2
	Dec. 1959	116.9	117.2	144.8	108.0	112.6	115.9	116.0
	Mar. 1959	118.4	119.1	145.7	107.6	113.3	116.6	116.8
	June	120.7	120.5	146.2	107.8	113.5	117.6	117.5
	Sept.	121.2	121.1	148.1	108.7	117.5	119.2	119.2

A excludes and B includes price movements of potatoes and onions.

RAINFALL- AGRICULTURAL AREAS

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Period		Statistical Division						Whole State
		Central	Lower North	Upper North	South Eastern	Western	Murray Mallee	
		Inches						
Year:	1954	15.19	14.53	13.98	18.99	11.88	12.81	13.83
	1955	22.72	19.28	17.03	27.01	17.42	16.68	19.36
	1956	20.88	21.13	18.45	28.10	21.46	16.51	20.46
	1957	11.36	10.62	10.23	17.39	8.73	8.19	10.06
	1958p	17.19	15.41	17.20	22.71	16.35	13.35	16.07
Wheatgrowing Season								
(Apr.-Nov.) -	1954	12.56	11.72	11.10	15.90	9.78	9.97	11.24
	1955	18.70	15.24	12.76	23.72	14.44	13.00	15.71
	1956	18.86	18.98	16.09	24.78	19.26	13.82	18.18
	1957	10.38	9.36	8.15	14.44	7.34	6.58	8.67
	1958p	15.55	13.49	15.10	21.39	13.35	11.85	13.99
Season to date								
(Apr.-Sept.) -	1954	9.92	9.15	8.16	12.95	7.72	7.34	8.75
	1955	15.37	12.39	10.67	19.23	12.03	10.99	12.98
	1956	16.77	16.31	13.08	21.29	16.68	11.34	15.66
	1957	8.62	7.74	6.55	10.48	6.58	5.03	7.19
	1958p	13.00	11.13	10.64	16.76	11.20	8.64	11.32
	1959p	5.08	4.46	4.33	7.08	4.05	3.15	4.35
Month:								
April	1958p	0.66	0.68	0.56	0.60	0.48	0.51	0.58
May	p	3.57	2.62	1.16	4.96	2.61	2.06	2.77
June	p	0.41	0.15	0.03	1.09	0.31	0.12	0.28
July	p	2.54	1.80	2.00	3.86	2.27	1.73	2.18
Aug.	p	2.64	2.79	3.27	3.82	2.64	2.31	2.68
Sept.	p	3.18	3.09	3.62	2.43	2.89	1.91	2.83
April	1959p	0.27	0.30	0.11	0.35	0.24	0.09	0.44
May	p	0.46	0.26	0.47	0.65	0.57	0.37	0.44
June	p	0.40	0.42	0.23	0.78	0.46	0.27	0.41
July	p	1.16	1.44	1.79	1.29	1.15	0.63	1.15
Aug.	p	1.47	1.03	0.56	2.60	0.61	0.86	1.03
Sept.	p	1.32	1.01	1.17	1.41	1.02	0.93	1.09

NOTE: Rainfall figures are calculated averages over agricultural areas only, and are totals of periods shown (not monthly averages).

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